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## **U.S. Small Business Administration Announces Annual Award Winners**

### **Kate Beever, Owner of Maine Music & Health, LLC Receives SBA's Micro-Enterprise of the Year Award for Maine**

Augusta, Maine – The U.S. Small Business Administration is pleased to announce that Kate Beever, Owner of Maine Music & Health, LLC in Saco has been selected to receive the Micro-Enterprise of the Year Award for 2017 for Maine.

Maine Music & Health provides music therapy to clients of all ages who are affected by cancer, autism, cerebral palsy, brain injury, developmental disabilities, among others, in hospital, home and other clinical settings. Ms. Beever was selected for this award based on the continued growth of her business, her advocacy working toward getting music therapy recognized and certified as an approved and insurance reimbursable treatment, and her generosity in the community.

"The story of Kate Beever and Maine Music & Health perfectly illustrates the entrepreneurial spirit and tenacity necessary to start and grow a thriving business in Maine," said SBA's Maine District Director, Amy K. Bassett. "The success that Kate has achieved is both remarkable and inspiring," added Bassett.

"I am grateful to the SBA for this award," said Ms. Beever. "It feels good to have worked hard to create a business in an underrepresented field, and this recognition pushes me to keep going. I look forward to further collaborations with local arts and healthcare organizations in our beautiful state," she added.

**NOTE: A photo of Kate Beever is attached.**

Ms. Beever was nominated for this award by Sarah Guerette, Director of The Women's Business Center at CEI: Southern Maine.

Ms. Beever will be honored at the 2017 SBA Small Business Awards Celebration on May 15, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport. For additional information about the event please visit [www.sba.gov/me](http://www.sba.gov/me) or call Keith Lind at 207-622-8551.



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